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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ALASAARELA ET AL.

Examiner

William C. Dowling

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-5, 9-11, 13-20, 24-26, 28-34, 37-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Holman et al.

Holman et al. disclose an illumination system for use in image projectors comprising:

microdisplays to be illuminated (Figs. 43, 45, 46), which may be LCD's, DMD's;

red, blue and green LED chips (20);

a beam-forming component formed of reflective sidewalls (2) and a patterned refractive prism sheets (4, 6) for refracting light from the chips and outputting a shaped and uniform beam of light;

an optical component (308, Fig 43) between the beam forming component and the display consisting of a lens;

an optical component (1364 fig. 43) between the display and the focusing unit consisting of an X-cube.

Refractive material (101) may be used in the beam-forming component. Entendue is preserved and light loss is reduced.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6-8, 12, 21-23, 27, 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holman et al in view of Lee.

Holman et al. discloses the invention substantially as claimed but does not specify the use of the illumination source within a stereoscopic imaging system. It is well known within the art to separate light into orthogonal polarizations for illumination of two separate panels and projecting a polarized pair of images for viewing with polarized glasses. Lee gives an example of such a system.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Holman et al. to utilize the illumination source within any of known LCD/DMD projection systems, such as in one taught by Lee, because such modification amounts to the substitution of one type of light source for another.

As to claim 8 and 23, Holman et al. discuss the advantage of matching the refractive indices of the surrounding material (101) and the light containing medium (122). This would obviously suggest a close match between these elements. The choice of wavelengths for the light sources is an obvious operational choice dependent on the image parameters desired.

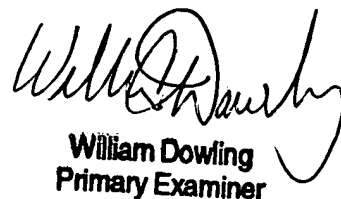
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Dowling whose telephone number is 571-272-2116. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-TUES, THURS-FRI.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1750. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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